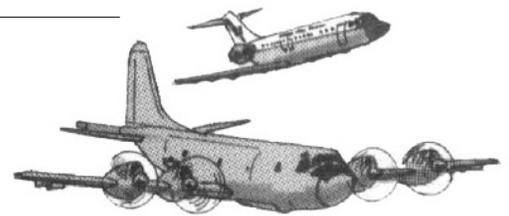




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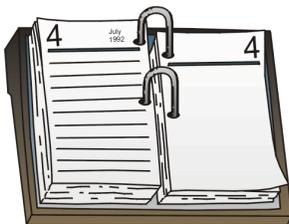
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Thank You

Kudos to **Commodore Norgart, PATWING 10** for an outstanding presentation outlining the duties and problems of Patrol Wing 10 on February 9th. It was very interesting and informative. We really appreciate his effort. Many thanks, Commodore.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9th An exciting presentation on the task of peacekeeping in Yugoslavia will be presented by **CDR "J.R." Russell, VA CO 133 Wizards**. Because the peacekeeping attempt is on hold, what CDR. Russell has to say will certainly be interesting, informative and very timely. You won't want to miss this one. Come and bring a friend or two. See you there.

April 13th Another blockbuster with our own **CDR Harry Ferrier, USN (Ret)** giving us the presentation on the Ballard/Yorktown Search.

Good News For VR Units...



The Navy will begin replacing the C-9s with C-40A's. The Navy ordered three C-40A's under the FY 99 budget and requested an additional three under FY 2000. This is the long rumored/studied replacement for the C-9A and is basically a militarized B737-700 IGW (Increased Gross Weight). According to a source in DC, the first ones are scheduled

to go to VR 61 at NAS Whidbey Island but as yet there's no word when. It is rumored the Navy will call these aircraft "Airlifter".

Along the same lines, other recent transport acquisitions include the UC-35A (left) (Cessna Citation V Ultra for the US Army, C-37A (right) (Gulfstream V for the USAF), and C-38A (not pictured) (IAI's latest variant of the Westwind, to the DCANG).



We Want Your Input...

As you will note, both Rick Porritt and I, your current PAO, have put our telephone numbers and e-mail addresses in the newsletter. We would be delighted to get your comments, ideas, and/or criticisms. Please contact us at:

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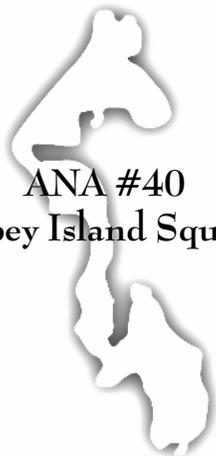
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If you wish to have an item placed in the newsletter, it must be in my hands by the last Thursday of month. Otherwise, it will go in the following month's newsletter. Thanks.

Just A Reminder...



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The ANA 99 Convention will be 17-20 March in Arlington, VA. We hope to see all those supporters of Naval Aviation there!!

Details and registration information can be found at the ANA web site <http://www.erols.com/dutrauch> or go directly to the ANA 99 Convention pages at <http://www.erols.com/dutrauch/99convention.html>.

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